

BRITAIN, U.S.S.R. NEGOTIATE

Chamberlain Announces Progress in Conversations With Soviet Diplomats

Pledge of Protection To Turkey Is Now Reported

Tension Lessens

France Continues To Bolster Defences Of Republic

(Special to The Daily Mail)
LONDON, April 18.—The address of Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain in the House of Commons today did not announce the completion of the Anglo-Soviet pact to include Russia in the Stop-Hitler Bloc, but it was announced that negotiations with the Soviet are progressing favorably. The address of the Prime Minister was re-assuring to many in official circles, and diplomatic circles rumored that Russia had already promised material aid in a war against aggression.

NOW IN SYMPATHY

It is expected that Mr. Chamberlain will announce however, that a pledge of protection has been extended to Turkey, a wartime enemy, now in sympathy with the democratic bloc. The inclusion of Turkey in the bloc would line up a formidable front of six nations against any further designs of Hitler or Mussolini. Nations already in the bloc are: England and France, Poland, Rumania and Greece.

LESS TENSION

The tension in foreign capitals was a little easier today. In Paris however, Premier Daladier warned the nation that defence preparations are not ready yet and urged that all countrymen assist in the bolstering of the defence of the Republic against aggressors. A new measure gives the French government dictatorial power over arms, munitions, and war supply industries.

In Brief

Montreal

MONTREAL, April 18.—Vital Mallette, Liberal member of Parliament for Montreal-Jacques Cartier, collapsed and suddenly died while walking on the street here yesterday.

Windsor, Eng.

WINDSOR, April 18.—James Roosevelt, eldest son of the American president, enjoyed the ceremonial of the changing of the guard at Windsor Castle yesterday after dining with the King and Queen. The president's son went to Brussels on Saturday for dinner given by the American Ambassador. There was no regular Sunday transportation service and he had to charter a 21-seat airliner for a special flight to get him to Windsor in time for the dinner.

London

LONDON, April 18.—The Daily Express, Lord Beaverbrook's newspaper, declared editorially yesterday that it would be more comfortable to them and more comfortable to the people here too if the King and Queen left the battle cruiser "Repulse" in European waters and traveled to Canada on one of the regular passenger liners.

Rome

HUNGARY AND ROME NEGOTIATE

(Special to The Daily Mail)
ROME, April 18.—Representatives of the Hungarian nation were met at the train today in Rome by Mussolini and greeted to the Italian capital. The arrival was taken as an indication that Hungary, which has hung on the fence between the Stop-Hitler nations and the Axis has decided to throw in its lot with the latter. It is remembered that at the time of the Berlin-Rumanian trade negotiations Hungary had an army of one half million on the frontier. The Italian press today continued to condemn President Roosevelt for his action in the European situation.

Ottawa

R.C.A.F. ESCORTS FOR KING, QUEEN

(Special to The Daily Mail)
OTTAWA, April 18.—On their arrival in Canada and at various other points in the Dominion the King and Queen will be provided with aerial escorts from the Royal Canadian Air Force, it was learned from official Ottawa circles last night. The escorts will rendezvous in the Gulf of St. Lawrence when H. M. S. Repulse reaches these waters on May 13. They will continue until the party reached Quebec on May 15. When the Royal party crosses the R.C.A.F. area at Trenton, Ont., an escort will be provided from Belleville to Trenton. Escorts will also accompany the Royal trip from Vancouver to Victoria on May 29, and on the return on May 31, from Cape Tormentine to Charlottetown and from Charlottetown to Pictou on June 14. The final escort will be a flight of planes from the Dartmouth, N. S., station which will accompany the Repulse on its departure from Halifax on May 15 until it is well out to sea.

Brussels

BRUSSELS, April 18.—Although Senator Hubert Pierlot of the Catholic party had formed a coalition party just a few hours before it fell yesterday afternoon when the Socialist movement withdrew its support. An extraordinary labor congress voted against Socialist participation.

Russia Promises Material Aid To Allies In Event Of Hostilities

(Special To The Daily Mail)
MOSCOW, April 18.—Concrete proposals for the entry of Soviet Russia into the anti-aggression front proposed by Great Britain and France are expected to be taken up by the end of this week. It was reported in London that Russia has already promised at least material aid to Britain and her allies in case of war. Official silence on the progress of negotiations was kept by Soviet and British officials, but reports from London and Paris ran the gamut of possibilities from out and out military alliance to an agreement to at least furnish raw materials to non-aggressors defending themselves against possible German thrusts.

Rumor Return of Danzig Settled

(Special to The Daily Mail)
BERLIN, April 18.—Diplomatic circles rumored today that arrangements are completed between Berlin and Danzig for the return of the Free City to the Reich on Thursday. The report was officially denied, however, and termed "nonsense."

ABOLISH WARTIME PROFITEERING

(Special to The Daily Mail)
LONDON, April 18.—To abolish wartime profiteering and speculation in food by placing its sale under government control, measures were published by the Board of Trade's department of food defence plans, headed by Sir Henry French. The hope was expressed by the department that the plan would assure an equitable distribution of food to the population in event of conflict, and prevent recurrence of shortages experienced during the Great War.

Allied Fleets At Strategic Points

Montreal

TRAVEL 9,720 MILES TO FAIR

MONTREAL, April 18.—Two hundred South Africans who will travel 9,720 miles to see the World's Fair at New York, embarked at Capetown Sunday night aboard the world cruising Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Britain, it was learned here today.

The world cruise ship, entering the final stages of her 30,000 mile cruise will visit St. Helena, Brazil and the Caribbean arriving at New York on May 14th.

The world cruise tourists spent two weeks in South Africa and were given an ovation by several thousand Capetowners as the liner sailed Sunday night.

OTTAWA, April 18.—The House of Commons this afternoon continued debate on the new agricultural program introduced by the government. The clash between Labor Minister Rogers and Denton Massey (Cons. Greenwood-Toronto) is not settled yet. Hon. Mr. Rogers today once more condemned the statement of the Conservative member that thousands have died in Canada of starvation through lack of care.

TURKEY MAY JOIN

Later in the day Prime Minister Chamberlain is expected to announce in the House of Commons that Turkey has become the sixth member of the grand alliance.

It was reported in Paris that Rumania has agreed to accept Soviet aid in an emergency. These reports could not be confirmed in London, but are considered likely. It was further reported that Rumania would not only accept Russian planes and pilots but would permit Russian troops to pass through her territory.

Little Rock

DEATH TOLL IN U. S. TORNADOS NEARS 50 MARK

(Special to The Daily Mail)
LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 18.—At least 45 persons were killed and 336 were injured in six southern states by tornados which swept through the territory over the week-end. Flood warnings stirred fresh anxiety today in the area.

In Arkansas hundreds of low-lands families may have to be removed from their homes before rapidly rising waters of six major streams completely engulf them. Major disaster centred around the community of Centre Point in southeast Arkansas where 17 were killed and more than 60 injured.

Eleven died in the community church which was twisted away as they sought refuge beneath its roof, while others were killed in the destruction of 25 homes in the section.

France Guards Rock, British Ships At Other Spots

(Special to The Daily Mail)
GIBRALTAR, April 18.—As French warships assumed naval defence of the British Rock yesterday, the bulk of the British fleet was released for duty in other strategic Mediterranean points.

Last night 16 French ships which had steamed in singly and in groups had anchored off the boom-enclosed harbor, while only one British ship, the destroyer Wishart, was in port.

Malta, strategic base off the toe of Italy, was said to be the centre of British fleet attraction, while other ships were reported at Alexandria and Port Said to guard the Suez Canal.

While Admiral Louis Vallee, commanding the Second French Division, conferred during the day with the Governor of Gibraltar, General Sir Edmund Ironside, defence preparations were rushed following reports of Spanish troop concentrations across the Spanish border. Greatly outnumbered by British and French ships, the Italian Fleet was reported concentrated in the Adriatic.

Other French Fleet units were reported guarding French ports in North Africa.

HITLER TO REPLY

From Berlin come reports that Chancellor Hitler will call the Reichstag for April 28 and will defend his policies before that body and couple them with a sharp denunciation of methods used by others in acquiring territory.

A stormy attack against President Roosevelt's peace plea has been started by the German press. Hitler was represented as displeased that the president's appeal was published before he had a chance to read it. It is believed his Reichstag speech will be his only answer to the United States President.

Italy Votes Additional \$25,000,000 To Army

(Special to The Daily Mail)
ROME, April 18.—An additional \$25,000,000 annually was made available to the Italian army for the next ten years, as authoritative Fascists yesterday predicted the Italian government would not take seriously President Roosevelt's proposals for a 10-year guarantee.

Il Popolo d'Italia, Premier Mussolini's newspaper, said that the United States President's peace message had already been rejected by Italy by a prompt reaction of the national conscience.

AWAIT DUCE'S ANSWER

As Mussolini's answer was awaited, the announcement came from the

Italian Senate that Italy and Germany are powerful enough to prevent any encirclement. This statement was embodied in an address given by Senate President Giacomo Sardo which will be delivered to King Victor Emmanuel in response to the sovereign's formal acceptance of the Albanian crown.

COLONIAL QUESTION

The address said the Rome-Berlin axis divides the continent with a dominating bloc of military forces against which it is no longer possible to repeat successfully the old manoeuvres of encircling coalitions. It also mentioned important colonial questions which must be settled.

Montreal

ASSURES QUEBEC WOMEN SUFFRAGE

MONTREAL, April 18.—Hon. Ernest LaPointe, federal minister of justice declared here that Quebec women will be permitted suffrage when the Liberal party returns to power.

Addressing members of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Women's Club Mr. LaPointe said: "Women will soon have the right to vote in this province, as soon as the Liberal Party is in power in Quebec. In all countries, in times of crisis, it is the women who have dictated to men the course of their conduct."

Ottawa

DUMPING DUTY ON BALTIC PULP

OTTAWA, April 18.—The imposition of dumping duties on Baltic pulp brought into Canada was announced yesterday by the department of national revenue. The measure is an effort to stabilize pulp prices in the Canadian market.

Under terms of the Canada-United States trade treaty the duty of 25 per cent on imported United States pulp was wiped out. The same action applied automatically to countries having a "most favored nation" agreement with Canada.

Though volume of Baltic pulp imported to Canada, mostly from Scandinavian countries, is not large, the dump duty was put on as a safeguard so that prices could be stabilized.

Stock Market Quotations

(Supplied by W. C. Pitfield & Co., Limited at 1:30 p.m.)

The London Stock Market was unchanged today. Sterling was quoted at 4.68 1-16 in New York and 4.70 1/2 in Montreal. The New York Stock Market was very quiet this morning, with very small price fluctuations.

Stock	Price
American Radiator	11 1/2
American Tel & Tel	15 1/2
Anacosta	23 1/2
Bendix Aviation	20
Bethlehem Steel	56 1/2
Boeing Aircraft	29 1/2
Chrysler Corp	60
Consolidated Edison	29 1/2
Curtiss Wright	5
Curtiss Wright "A"	22
Douglas Aircraft	60 1/2
General Electric	34 1/2
General Motors	40 1/2
Int Pap and Pow	8 1/2
Int Pap & Pow Pfd	29 1/2
Kennecott Copper	31
Montgomery Ward	45
New York Central	13 1/2
Pennsylvania Railroad	17 1/2
Public Service, N. J.	34 1/2
Radio Corp	6
Republic Steel Corp	15
Socoy Vacuum	14 1/2

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Scotland Yard Aids Mounties

Member Famed Force In Fredericton This Week

Scotland Yard, famous British Police system, is co-operating with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Canadian military authorities in precautionary measures to be taken during the visit to New Brunswick of Their Majesties The King and Queen this summer.

F. W. Abbott, Scotland Yard official, will be in Fredericton this week to confer with Superintendent W. V. Bruce, officer in charge of "J" Division of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and Fredericton Police officials. He will be accompanied by Commissioner King of the R.C.M.P. They are at Halifax today and are scheduled to visit Charlottetown before coming to New Brunswick. They will also visit Moncton and Saint John.

Brigadier L. F. Page, O. C. Military District No. 7, was in the city last evening and this morning. He addressed a meeting of the Fredericton Garrison Officers' Mess last evening and this morning conferred with R. C. M. P. officials and Major C. A. Williams in charge of the Fredericton Branch, Canadian Legion, Royal Visit preparations.

As part of the precautionary measures expected to be taken during the Royal Visit to Fredericton, a guard of some 1,000 members of the Canadian Legion will line the city streets during Their Majesties' stay in Fredericton. A special guard of 100 members of the Fredericton Branch will also attend Their Majesties at the entrance to the Parliament Buildings and at Salamanca Station where they will board the Royal Train for Saint John.

Will Command R. C. M. P. Planes

Sergeant Phil Cox, R.C.M.P. Aviation Section, formerly of the Royal Canadian Air Force and a graduate of U.N.B. will have charge of the two planes stationed at Moncton this year. Sergeant Cox is the son of Dr. Phillip Cox, formerly of this city, and the late Mrs. Cox. He is well known here.

Personnel of the group in addition to Sergeant Cox will be Corporals Patrick Grant, Douglas Dawson, and Charles Grant. Inspector T. R. Michelson who was in charge of the aviation detail at Moncton last year, will remain at Ottawa.